

VSS News at a Glance

*Victims Services Section
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services*



Compilation of State-Wide Victims' Rights Events

Your Input Requested—Deadline Extended!!

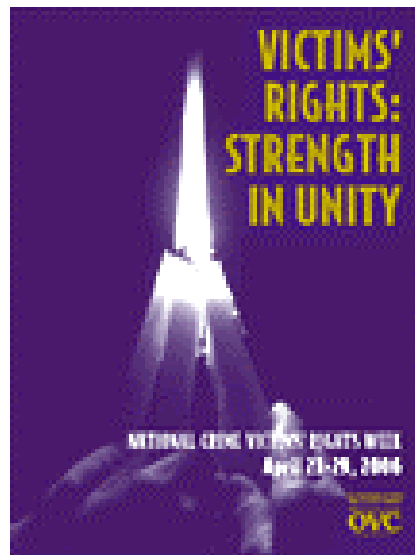
Please submit information about your plans for Victims' Rights Week!!

As you know, the date for this year's observance of Crime Victims' Rights Week is **April 23-29, 2006**. Each year, the DCJS Victims Services Section compiles a listing of events held around the state in honor of Crime Victims' Rights Week in Virginia.

This year, we will be collecting this information via an on-line survey. The link to this survey is <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/surveys/Surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?surveyid=1053>. We sent this out earlier in an e-mail; however, if you haven't completed it, please do so. We will compile the list and post it on our web site for other allied professionals to access. We will also print the web site link for this information in our newsletter to help promote your local event!

In addition, our April Newsletter will contain information about Victims' Rights week activities planned throughout the State. The deadline for submissions has been extended to **March 24, 2006**. If you have questions, please contact: Becky Sirles at (804) 786-1980 or e-mail Becky.Sirles@dcjs.virginia.gov

The 2006 Resource Guide for National Crime Victims' Rights Week is available on-line at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html



MADD Victim Assistance Training Institutes, May 18-20, 2006 in Richmond, VA

MADD's Beginning VATI offers advocates the foundation for competent service delivery to those impacted by impaired driving crashes. The role of victim advocate is a very important one in the healing journey that follows physical, emotional, and spiritual injuries and bereavement victimizations.

For VATI 2006 registration and information, contact John Evans at (800) 438-6233, ext 4564 or by e-mail at john.evans@madd.org

Master the Profession!

The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) and Volunteer State Community College are holding Multi-Purpose NOVA Trainings May 15-19, 2006 in Gallatin, TN. The trainings are for people who work with victims and survivors of violent crime and disaster, and for victim assistance program managers. For more information and to register go www.trynova.org or call NOVA at (703) 535-6682.

Other Important Dates & Trainings

March 23, 2006	Victim/Witness Issues Subcommittee of Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting
March 23, 2006	Broadening Our Scope: Domestic Violence Services for Survivors with Mental Health Disabilities , Rappahannock Library, Fredericksburg. For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html
March 24, 2006	Key Elements of an Effective Community Response to Sexual Violence , Winchester Medical Center, Winchester. For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html
March 27, 2006	Accessing Local Benefits Through Department of Social Services , Chesterfield. Sponsored by the Chesterfield County Domestic Violence Task Force. Training is free. For more information call Elizabeth Smyers, (804) 748-1341.
March 29, 2006	Working with Victims with Mental Health and/or Cognitive Disabilities: Providing Services, Staying Safe, and Being ADA Compliant . For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html
April 3-7, 2006	Finding Words Virginia — Richmond. Information regarding this training is available at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/juvenile/cja/findingWords/index.cfm
April 7, 2006	V-STOP State Team Meeting
April 18, 2006	Progress Reports Due
April 20, 2006	VSDVAA Membership Meeting
April 20, 2006	U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime National Observance of Crime Victims' Rights Week. For more information visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html

- April 21, 2006 **Annual National Organization for Victim Assistance Victims' Rights Week Forum.** For more information visit www.trynova.org/events/2006VictimRightsForum/
- April 21, 2006 Office for Victims of Crime National Awards Ceremony. For more information visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html
- April 21, 2006 Victim/Witness Grant Applications Due to Dept. of Criminal Justice Services (Subject to Change)
- April 23-29, 2006 **2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week**, Theme: Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity"
- May 4-5, 2006 **Improving Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse**, Roanoke. For further information, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Denise Hampton at denise.hampton@dcjs.virginia.gov or at (804) 225-3948.
- June 1-2, 2006 **Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse Conference**, Virginia Beach. For further information contact Edward Ansello at (804) 828-1525 or e-mail, eansello@hsc.vcu.edu
- June 19-23, 2006 **Finding Words Virginia** — Richmond. Information regarding this training is available at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/juvenile/cja/findingWords/index.cfm
- June 21-23, 2006 **Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault Training for Trainers.** For further information, contact Eleanore Ashman, (804) 225-4060.
- June 25-30, 2006 **2006 National Victim Assistance Academy: Foundations in Victim Services**, Topeka, Kansas. For further information call (866) 682-8822.
- July 9-12, 2006 **2006 National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference**, Atlanta, Georgia. For further information visit www.ncadv.org/conferences/NCADVConferences_117.html
- July 19, 2006 Progress Reports Due
- July 20, 2006 VSDVAA Membership Meeting
- July 26, 2006 VDVVF Grant Renewal Training
- August 20-25, 2006 **32nd Annual North American Victim Assistance Conference**, Orlando, Florida. For further information go to www.trynova.org/conference/2006/
- September 14, 2006 Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting and V/W Issues Subcommittee Meeting
- September 15, 2006 VDVVF Grants Due (prosecution and victims services grantees)
- September 21, 2006 VSDVAA Membership Meeting
- Sept. 25-29, 2006 **Finding Words Virginia** — Richmond. Information regarding this training is available at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/juvenile/cja/findingWords/index.cfm
- October 19-20, 2006 **Improving Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse**, Virginia Beach. For further information, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Denise Hampton at denise.hampton@dcjs.virginia.gov or at (804) 225-3948.
- December 14, 2006 Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting and V/W Issues Subcommittee Meeting





Employment Opportunities

Executive Director of the National Organization of Men's Outreach for Rape Education, Inc.

The National Organization of Men's Outreach for Rape Education, Inc. (NO MORE) seeks a new Executive Director to begin employment on or about June 1, 2006. NO MORE is a 501 (c) 3 public non-profit organization dedicated to working toward a day when there is no more rape, and no more need for our organization. We focus on the thoughtful application of theory and research to rape prevention programming – we follow what research shows works best and continuously try to make it even better. NO MORE provides presentations, training, and technical assistance to men and women, with a focus on all-male programming targeted toward colleges, high schools, the military, and local community organizations. We also serve as an umbrella organization and support system for 20 campus based all-male sexual assault peer education groups affiliated with our organization, called "One in Four." We distribute educational videos to organizations throughout North America. Our largest outreach effort is the "One in Four RV Tour," whereby professional peer-educators travel nationwide to present rape prevention programs to male students at over 50 college campuses per year.

The Executive Director (ED) of NO MORE Inc. is the senior full-time position in the organization. The ED reports directly to the President of NO MORE (a volunteer position) and indirectly to the Board of Directors. The ED serves as the immediate supervisor for our four national peer educators whom we employ from August to May each year to deliver presentations as part of the "One in Four" RV Tour. The ED manages the substantial day-to-day logistics of the tour and of the organization.

Please email nomore@wm.edu to request a job posting and position description. The preferred application **deadline is March 21, 2006**. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please contact John Foubert, NO MORE President, at (757) 221-2322 or nomore@wm.edu with any questions.

Fairfax County Application Center
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, VICTIM SERVICES SECTION, (Probation Counselor III)
Criminal Investigations Bureau, Police Department
Job # 06-0747, \$46,225 to \$61,633 (Grade S24)

Minimum Qualifications: Any combination of education, experience and training equivalent to graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a master's degree in social or behavioral sciences, law enforcement or education; and two years of professional experience in probation work.

Special Requirements The appointee to this position will be required to satisfactorily complete a criminal background check.

Preferred Qualifications Working knowledge of programs in Victim Services. A wide range of experience in different functions including case management, administering personnel training, monitoring funding grants, chairing workgroups and committees. Ability to multi-task. Excellent verbal and written communication, interpersonal and time management skills. Experience in supervising subordinate personnel.

Note: May be required to work after normal business hours, holidays and weekends, and call-outs as directed to meet the needs of victims/witnesses and Police Department staff.

To Apply: Submit your resume on-line through the [AIMS system](#).

If this is the first time you have applied for a position with the [AIMS system](#), follow the link and [create an account](#). It takes just a few minutes. Once you have established your AIMS account you can use the Resume Builder to create a resume in a step-by-step process, or simply paste in an existing resume. If you already have an AIMS account, [Apply For This Job Now!](#)

Closing Date: 4/14/2006

Benefits: Most positions have full benefits such as health insurance, retirement, life insurance and paid leave.

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance offers trainings on domestic & sexual violence issues around the state. Visit www.vsdvalliance.org/secProjects/traininginstitute.html for further information

Free Online Training

The National Children's Advocacy Center Academy Online offers free online training for professionals on such topics as "Developmental Perspectives on Child Sexual Behavior in Children and Adolescents," "Profiling the Child Molester," and "Standards for Prevention Programs." www.nationalcac2.org/

Grant Money!!!!

TARGET. The national corporation makes grants between \$1,000 and \$3,000 to nonprofits to coordinate community projects in the arts, domestic violence prevention and literacy. **Deadline: May 31.** For details visit http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/grant_guidelines.jhtml.

Internet Safety

i-SAFE America — Learn about internet safety and become a certified trainer with the i-SAFE program through a free, online educational training. <http://ilearn.isafe.org/>

Videos on Stalking and Teen Victims

The National Center's new educational videos on stalking and teen victims received top honors in "The Communicators Awards," an international competition that recognizes excellence in communications.

"Links in the Chain: Two Communities Respond to Stalking," received the Crystal Award of Excellence, and "Because Things Happen Every Day: Responding to Teenage Victims of Crime" received the Award of Distinction. National Center members may order these programs (each accompanied with a useful Discussion Guide) at a reduced rate on-line at www.ncvc.org/videos (you'll need to log in as a member with your personalized Login and Password) or by completing the PDF order form (also available at www.ncvc.org/store). Membership Department National Center for Victims of Crime.

Confidentiality Provisions for VAWA Programs

As part of the Violence Against Women Act/Department of Justice Reauthorization Act (VAWA), Congress strengthens the confidentiality provisions of VAWA, thereby passing those provisions onto any agency or organization that receives V-STOP funding. These changes became Federal Law as soon as President Bush signed the reauthorized Act on January 5, 2006. At the following link, you will find a 3-page summary of these changes prepared by the National Network to End Domestic Violence www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims/documents/VAWAConfidentialityUpdateDec2005.pdf. Grant funded V-STOP programs which comply with DCJS guidelines already meet these requirements

If you have any trainings/activities/employment opportunities you would like to have listed, please send them to Candace Miles at Candace.miles@dcjs.virginia.gov by the 1st of each month. We will make every effort to include them depending on space and/or time limitations.

To access this document go to www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims

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